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1. AS INDICATED PARA 6 REFTEL, EMBOFFS DISCUSSED OUR MARCH 22 AIDE MEMOIRE WITH MOT ROAD TRANSPORT BUR DEP DIR HORIGOME AND TECHNICAL OFFICER SHIMODAIRA ON APRIL 19.

2. IN MAKING PRESENTATION, ECON COUNS AGAIN STATED WE ARE NOT ATTEMPTING DEFINE STANDARDS FOR JAPANESE BUT TO FACILITATE ENTRY AND CLEARANCE OF AMERICAN-MADE VEHICLES. EMBOFF INDICATED WE WOULD BE WILLING CLARIFY ANY POINTS IN AIDE MEMOIRE THAT MOT OFFICIALS FELT UNCLEAR AND WOULD BE WILLING, AFTER INTER-AGENCY GOJ DISCUSSION MENTIONED REFTEL OCCURS, TO CONSIDER SENDING TEAM OF EXPERTS PER PARA C OF AIDE MEMOIRE IF GOJ CAN DEFINE EXACTLY WHAT POINTS IT WISHES DISCUSS.

3. MOT OFFICIALS REPLIED THAT JAPANESE AND FOREIGN SYSTEMS

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OF CERTIFYING CARS ARE "DIFFERENT" AND OFFICIALS

INDICATED SO FAR AS THEY CONCERNED THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF "PROVISIONAL APPROVAL" AS REQUESTED PARA A AIDE MEMOIRE BEING GRANTED. (THIS IS ECHO OF MITI POSITION DESCRIBED PARA 4 REFTEL.) OFFICIALS SAID THEY WOULD REVIEW OUR NOTE FURTHER TO SEE IF ANY CLARIFICATION NEEDED, APOLOGIZED FOR LENGTH OF TIME THIS TAKING BUT SAID THEY HAD ONLY RECEIVED JAPANESE TRANSLATION OUR AIDE MEMOIRE FROM MOFA ON APRIL 7. WE REPLIED THAT THIS WAS WHY WE SENT ENGLISH DROP COPY TO THEM MARCH 23.

4. IN REGARD PARA D OUR MEMOIRE, MOT OFFICIALS SAID DECISION HAD BEEN MADE BY GOJ THAT DATE OF MANUFACTURE, RATHER THAN DATE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE JAPAN, SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE DATE PROVIDED AUTHENTICATION DATE OF MANUFACTURE MADE BY "GOVERNMENTAL OR SEMI-GOVERNMENTAL" AGENCY. MOT OFFICIALS EXPRESSED SURPRISE WE HAD NOT HEARD FORMALLY FROM MOFA ON THIS; WE ARE CHECKING.

5. FYI: MOT OFFICIALS HAD MUCH MORE PAROCHIAL OUTLOOK THAN THE ONE WE ENCOUNTERED AT MITI. VISIT OF EC EXPERTS ON MAY 10-11 WILL PROBABLY SERVE TO MAKE GOJ FOCUS ON ISSUES AND POSSIBLE AREAS FOR RAPPROACHMENT. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT GOJ MAY THEN REQUEST SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN TECHNICAL EXPERTS.
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